(a) the number of officers and employees whose application forms have been received by Indian Oil Corporation (IOC) under the Right to Information during the last three years, year-wise and cadre-wise;

(b) the number of disposed of and pending application forms and such application forms which have been muzzled;

(c) whether it is a fact that false allegations are made against such applicants and they are harassed to keep them silent; and

(d) whether it is also a fact that there has been expenditure on hospitality of the Information Commissioner to keep him/her in favour?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) The number of officers and non-officers of Indian Oil Corporation Ltd. (IOC) who have sought information from the Corporation under RTI Act, 2005 is given below:

Year	Officers	Non-Officer	Total
2006	144	1	145
2007	69	20	89
2008	8	6	14
TOTAL :	1221	27	1248

(b) IOC has reported that all RTI applications have been disposed of as per the provisions of the RTI Act, 2005 and no application is pending for disposal.

(c) and (d) No, Sir, IOC has reported that there has been no such instance.

Gas pipeline in Gujarat

†805.SHRI LALIT KISHORE CHATURVEDI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Reliance Gas Pipe line earlier Gas Transportation and Infrastructure Ltd. has been given permission in December, 2006 to dig land for gas pipeline through small industrial plots belonging to 95 OBC persons under survey No. 331,342 and 364 of Gothan villages in Surat district;

(b) the basis on which the compensation amount was fixed for them and the rate thereof;

(c) whether it is also a fact that 95 OBC families have been landless due to this action; and

(d) if so, whether Government would impress upon Reliance Gas pipe line to purchase alternative land for these families?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) to (d) M/s Reliance Gas Transportation Infrastructure Limited (RGTIL) has

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been allowed to lay Kakinada-Hyderabad-Uran-Ahmedabad gas pipeline in accordance with the provisions of the Petroleum and Minerals Pipeline (Acquisition of Right of User in Land) Act, 1962. For laying the gas pipeline, merely Right of Use of land is acquired and the land is not acquired permanently.

The value of land on the basis of Government record was Rs. 380/sq metres on the date of notification under Section 3(1) of the Act. In accordance with the provisions of the Act, the compensation for acquisition of RoU is payable @ 10% of the market value prevailing on the date of notification under Sec 3(1) of the Act.

The matter is *sub-judice*. In compliance with the interim order dated 11.7.2008 of the Hon'ble Gujarat High Court, RGTIL has deposited compensation @ Rs.300/sq metres, *i.e.*, Rs.32,29,800, to the Competent Authority. Further action in the matter would be taken in accordance with the provisions of the Act and any orders passed by the Court in this regard.

CNG distribution centres

†806.SHRI KRISHAN LAL BALMIKI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of CNC distribution centres opened last year for the use of vehicles in different States;

(b) whether any CNG distribution centres have been opened in any city of Rajasthan;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) by when the directions given by honourable High Court of Rajasthan, Jodhpur would be complied with?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI DINSHA J. PATEL): (a) Joint Venture Companies of GAIL (India) Ltd. have, so far, opened 29 CNG stations during the year 2008-09.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Does not arise.

(d) Presently, City Gas Distribution has not been started in any city of Rajasthan.

(e) In order to promote investment from public as well as private sector for *inter alia* city/local natural gas distribution networks throughout the country, the Government of India has enacted 'The Petroleum and Natural Gas Regulatory Board (PNGRB) Act, 2006'. As regards Rajasthan, PNGRB has invited bids for setting up City Gas Distribution (CGD) project in Kota. Further, Expression of Interests (EoIs) have been submitted to PNGRB for Jodhpur and Udaipur.

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